

Whereas, the valued heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has been recognized through observances in Oklahoma and across America each year in the month of May during the last 30 years; and

Whereas, the continued study of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Oklahoma will serve to bring about an understanding that promotes harmony, respect, and furthers the movement toward a greater level of diversity in the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, recognizing the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders community, and looking back at the struggles of past generations, respects the foundation of not merely dreaming, but moves the focus to achieving; and

Whereas, past generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to inspire us today and will inspire future generations of Oklahomans, regardless of race; and

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to enrich the lives of all Oklahomans by sharing their heritage and their legacies; and

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month will continue to emphasize, to all Oklahomans and the nation, the significant contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the progress of our great state; and

Pow Therefore, I, Stanley Booker, Mayor, City of Lawton, in witness of those who have set their hands hereto, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 to be

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

and urge all residents of the Lawton and Fort Sill communities to take proper recognition thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, to be affixed hereto this 10th day of May 2022.

Stan Booker, Mayor